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Hello,

I am writing to express my position on the company recently found guilty of exercising monopolistic powers in the market determining the punishment that is going to be applied as consequence.

If that sentence sounds odd to you at the Department of Justice, it sounds that way because it is. It is almost as odd that this is exactly what Microsoft is being permitted to do by the Department of Justice.

Microsoft exercised its position and levered actions that denied others market position for only one purpose, to be dominate and to be able to dictate to other companies what they will or will not do. It affected offered product lines.

The settlement need be consequential not favorable. Microsoft should either be broken up or ordered to refund all registered software users the money that was overcharge for software riddled with faulty code. If Microsoft is going to be permitted into another sector of the market it should have to use its money to purchase its competitor's products instead of being allowed to use its own..

The United States Department of Justice's role in this is on behalf of the consumer. If you are to maintain confidence with your clients, then ensure that the settlement reached in the case puts the consumer in the position of advantage over Microsoft. This company has willfully acted to hindered the innovation of its competitors and need have the advantage gained by these acts destroyed.

Microsoft is even bold enough to imply that the computer industry is dependent on the company. This only seals the guilty charge as accurate. Once the company is knocked back a notch or two (preferably two big notches) the industry will rocket with innovation because of being relieved of the pressure applied to it to date by Microsoft.

Your mission is to at this time apply consequence, not allow Microsoft to determine what its punishment should be. Fail in this and you will fail in your mission. The Department of Justice is not paid to fail. As your client, I am not satisfied with the department performance to date.